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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Sadao KADOKURA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1753

Application Number: 10/721,081

Examiner: **Rodney Glenn McDonald**

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For: **BOX-SHAPED FACING-TARGETS SPUTTERING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING COMPOUND THIN FILM**

Attorney Docket Number: 032120

Customer Number: 38834

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Commissioner for Patents

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In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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